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BOERS RETREATING

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the Vicinity of Mafeking.

DETERMINED NOT TO FIGHT

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and Can Select Positions.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND BRITISH TROOPS

Are Now Operating on the Frontier of the
State.

DOERS ARE OUTNUMBERED FIVE TO ONE

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More Troops From England.**

London, May 8, 4:20 a. m.—The Doers are everywhere retreating before the British except on the Natal frontier and at Mafeking, to the inner circle of their defenses. They appear determined not to fight until the Kroonstad hills are reached.

Lord Roberts is expected to do another forty or fifty miles and then wait a time in order to bring up supplies and to repair the railroad. There are one or two hints in the dispatches from the front that he may rest for a few days at Smaldec.

General French's 10,000 cavalry have not been mentioned in the official or unofficial dispatches for four days.

It is by no means likely that he is idle and the conjecture is that he is either detouring toward Kroonstad or raiding the Ladysburg district. Fifteen thousand British are now on the western

frontier of the Free State. As the news of the attack on Warrenton has been broken, and the Boers are retreating, there is nothing formidable except distance between Warrenton and Mafeking. The most hopeful advice from Mafeking on April 22 were that the garrison would be barely able to hold out for a month. At that time the fever was spreading.

According to advices from Maseru, Batschuld, and several thousand Free State Boers are north of Lauderburg, where they have collected great herds.

Under the circumstances, food for men and horses and the Boers seem resolved not to move northward, but to be prepared to resist where they are, if they are not left alone they will menace the line of communication between the main British army and the Boers.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener personally directed the artillery in the Ver river engagement.

Queen Victoria will send a signed photograph of the Colonel Kitchener, the hero of Kimberley.

Six thousand four hundred and fifty

to South Africa. No others are under orders to go except as reinforcements to fill up the losses of regiments at the front.

FIVE TO ONE.

Lord Roberts able to Overwhelm the Boers by sheer Numbers.

Smallfaced, Sunday, May 6.—The movement that culminated in the capture of Winburg and Smallface was part of a great general movement extending from General Hunter on the west to General Buller on the east. Lord Roberts' admirable strategy resulted in placing everywhere five British to one Boer. Out of what appears the inextricable confusion of divisions and brigades, order was quickly evolved and the liners were compelled to meet Lord Roberts under unfavorable conditions. The British were certain that the British are now able to wait their front and strong positions are safe.

Yester day the Boers held a campaign the result of which earlier in the campaign they could only have been forced by hard fighting. General Hamilton's arrival at Winburg, although not directly outflanking the Boers, made their position extremely uncomfortable. General Hutton's movement on the left was most successful. The Boers first thought, Porty Boers were killed.

The march today was short, but general Pole-Carew's Division marched ninety-eight miles in four days.

Lord Roberts has been very strict in his examination of the Boers with the result of disclosing the fact that nearly every house is a miniature arsenal. Martinis, fuses and abundant ammunition being found.

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BRIEF WAR ITEMS.

London, May 22.—The Laurence, Mar-

Commandant Snymann is so alarmed at the prospect of having his retreat cut off that he has appealed for permission to retire northward from Mafeking to Interoceanic Colonel Plumer.

Smaldeel, May 7.—The British arrived here without opposition. The Boers' last train left late Saturday night.

Warrenton, Cape Colony, May 7.—The Boers have been driven out of Fouriesburg and the British are now encamped on the north bank of the Vaal river.

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